Proper use of Funds raised by CMERI Durgapur

1159. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds raised by sponsorship for the All India Machine Tool Design Seminar held at Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur in 1983 and the Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1984, were not spent for the purpose for which they were raised;

(b) whether the same funds were spent on tours, advertisements and parties;

(c) whether proper auditing of the accounts was conducted; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir. All-India Machine Tool Design and Research Conference, a separate body, through its elected Organising Committee, organised a seminar in 1983 in CMERI premises. They raised their funds through sponsorship. CMERI organised its Silver Jubilee Celebrations in 1984 for which the entire expenditure was met by CSIR.

(b) The Organising Committee of the Conference utilised some of their balance funds after the Conference on tours, advertisements and meeting expenses, and transferred the remaining amount as seed money to the next Organising Committee.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The accounts of AIMTDR were duly audited and the auditor's report together with statement approved by the Organising Committee were forwarded to the Organising Committee of the next Conference. As regards Silver Jubilee Celebration of CMERI (1984), the expenditure was duly reflected in the CMERI accounts.

National Wasteland Development Board

1160. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Wasteland Development Board has identified some areas in the country lying waste at present and suitable for development purposes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The exercise of precise identification of wastelands is to be basically carried out by the State Governments, who have been addressed in this behalf.

National Crime Record Bureau

1161. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up National Crime Record Bureau;

(b) if so, what will be its constitution and functions; and

(c) when the bureau is expected to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) to (c) The National Crime Record Bureau has already been set up with its Headquarters at New Delhi as an Attached Office of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Some Units of the Central Police organisations dealing with crime records are proposed to be merged with this Bureau. The main function of the Bureau will be collecting and processing crimes statistics at the national level.